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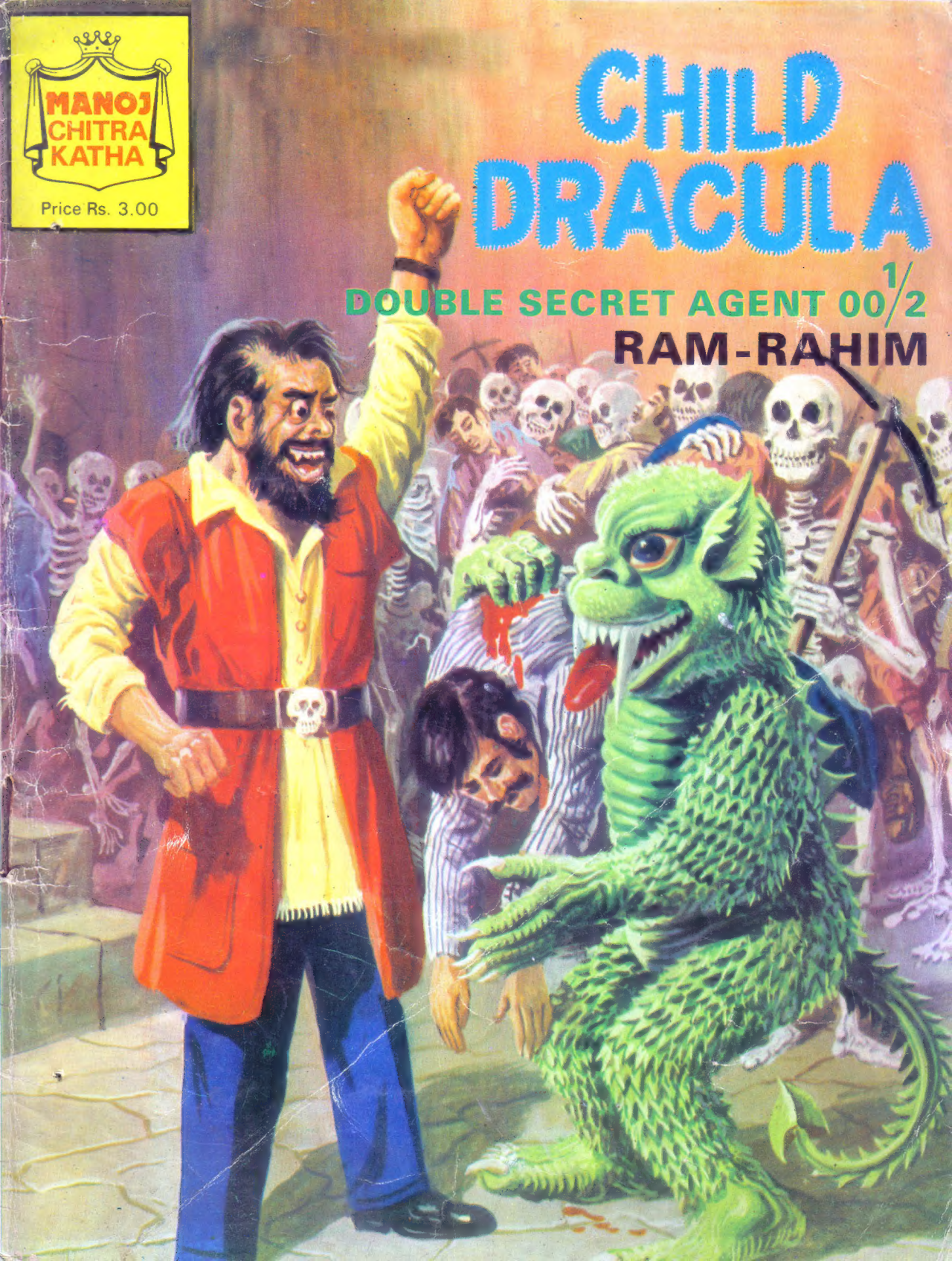

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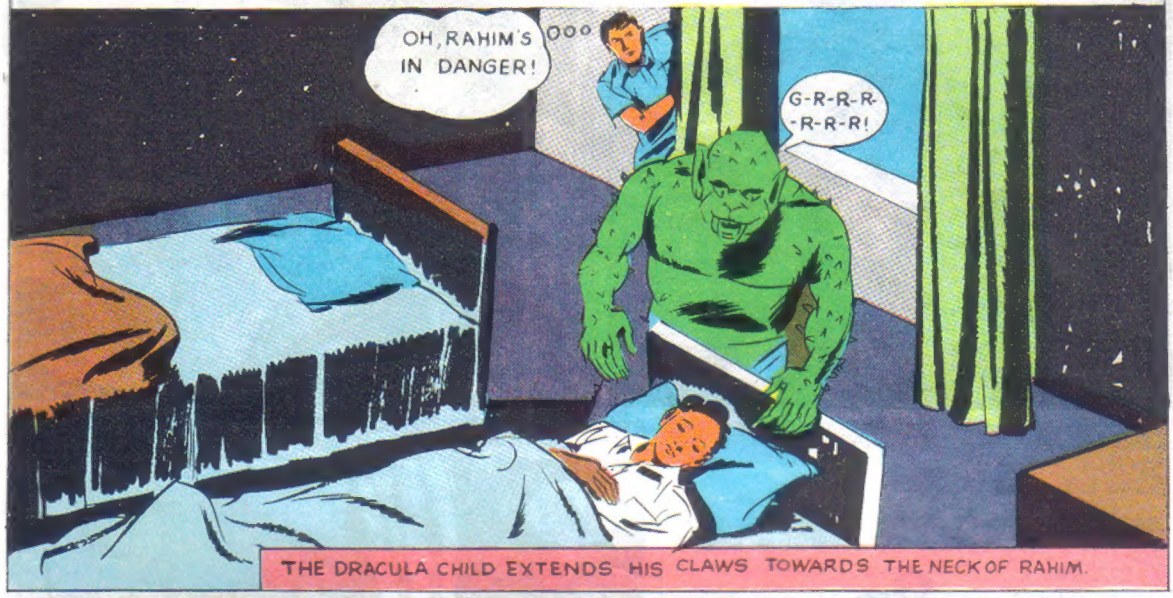
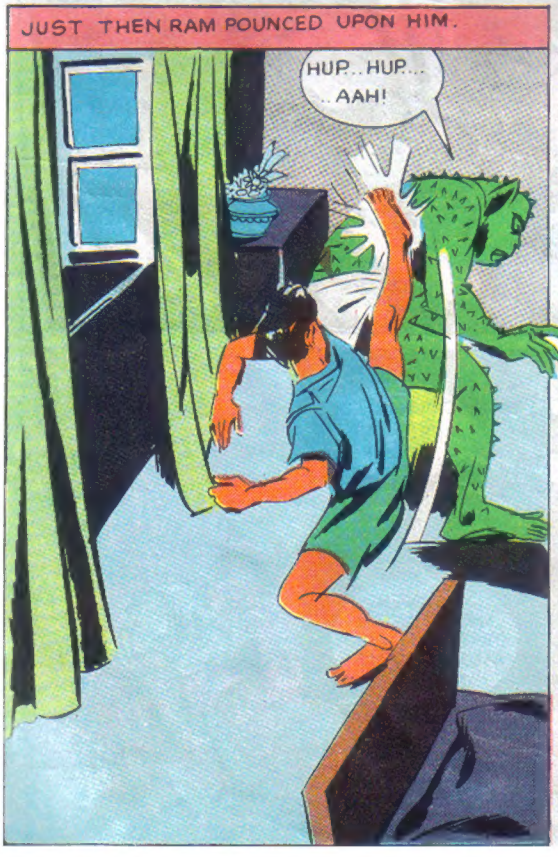




RAHIM SUDDENLY DASHED TOWARDS THE SWITCH.
I WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU TWO!
MUST PUT ON THE LIGHT, OR RAM WILL NOT LIVE.
A..A..H.
RAHIM SWITCHED ON THE LIGHT.
A..A... E...E!
NOW YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES!
THANK GOD, I ESCAPED!
TERRIFIED BY THE LIGHT, DRACULA RUSHED TO THE WINDOW.
CATCH HIM, RAM! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY.
G-R-R-R-R-R!
RAM RUSHED AFTER HIM, BUT..
A..A..H!
HEARING THE SHOUTS, RAM'S PARENTS REACHED HIS ROOM.
OPEN THE DOOR RAM!
OPEN UP, RAHIM!
CHILDREN OPEN THE DOOR!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, RAM?
YES; OPEN THE DOOR, PROBABLY IT IS MUMMY AND DADDY.

RAHIM OPENED THE DOOR.
WHAT HAPPENED?
OH, WHAT HAPPENED TO RAM?
WHO WAS THAT SHOUTING?
DADDY, I KNOW ONLY THIS THAT THE WINDOW OPENED SUDDENLY AND A TERRIFYING DWARF CAME IN.
RAM RELATED THE WHOLE THING.
HE MUST BE CHILD DRACULA!
THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDEREN ARE IN DANGER; LET'S GET THE POLICE.
NO USE, MUMMY; WE'LL LOOK AFTER OURSELVES.
YES, AUNTY! HE'S RIGHT; DON'T WORRY!
ALL RIGHT CHILDREN! BUT KEEP YOUR REVOLVERS WITH YOU. THE CHILD DRACULA IS BECOMING A MENACE!
YES, DADDY; WE'LL BE CAREFUL. PLEASE GO BACK TO SLEEP.
AFTER COL. RAGHAV AND RADHADEVI HAD LEFT.
THE DRACULA CHILD REACHED OUR BEDROOM TO FINISH US OFF. WHAT SHALL WE DO, RAM?
WORRY NOT! SOONER OR LATER WE'LL KILL HIM. ONLY, WE HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL.
AFTER TALKING A WHILE THEY SLEPT.

IN THE GHOST PALACE.
THIS INJECTION WILL EAT AWAY THE FLESH AND ONLY BONES WILL REMAIN. I SHALL THEN BREATHE LIFE INTO IT AND MAKE A LIVING SKELETON. THE WORLD WILL BE STRUCK DUMB SEEING HIM ACT LIKE HUMANS AND THEN..
A FEW MOMENTS AFTER THE INJECTION...
HA...HA...HA...! ANOTHER GREAT EXPERIMENT OF MINE WILL CREATE A SENSATION IN THE WORLD.
NOW TO BREATHE LIFE INTO IT AND THEN IT WILL BECOME INVINCIBLE. A BEING WHOM NO MAN, NOR BULLETS WILL BE. ABLE TO HARM.
THE MACHINE WILL BREATHE LIFE INTO IT.
AND THEN-
BRAVO; MY IRON MAN!
I AM INVINCIBLE MASTER! DON'T TEST, BUT COMMAND ME!

JUST THEN...
HA...HA...HA... THE WORLD WILL FAIL TO DEFEAT MY SLAVE EVER!
I'AM BACK, MASTER!
OH, SO YOU'RE BACK! LOOK THIS NEW EXPERIMENT OF MINE IS A SUCCESS AND I'LL GIVE YOU A TREAT.
BUT I'VE A BAD NEWS FOR YOU, MASTER!
I'VE FAILED MASTER! RAM AND RAHIM ESCAPED AGAIN!
NEVER MIND! THEY CAN'T LIVE LONG. THESE SKELETONS WILL BE THE DEATH OF THEM.
GET ME DEAD BODIES, 'CAUSE I WISH TO RAISE AN ARMY OF WALKING SKELETONS, WHICH MAY CONVERT THE WHOLE WORLD INTO A VAST GRAVEYARD. THE SKELETON'LL HELP YOU IN COLLECTING CORPSES.
AT YOUR COMMAND MASTER!
HA...HA..HA. REVENGE! I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE SO TERRIBLE THAT THE WORLD WILL TREMBLE!
NEXT MORNING A POLICE SQUAD REACHED THE GHOST PALACE.
SPREAD AROUND, FELLOWS!
YES SIR!
BOW! BOW!

INSPECTOR DEV ENTERED THE GHOST PALACE WITH SOME CONSTABLES.
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING, SIR! DOGS ARE POINTING UPWARDS!
LET'S SEE!

BEWARE! THERE MAY BE DANGER!
DON'T WORRY, SIR! WE'RE PREPARED FOR EVERYTHING!

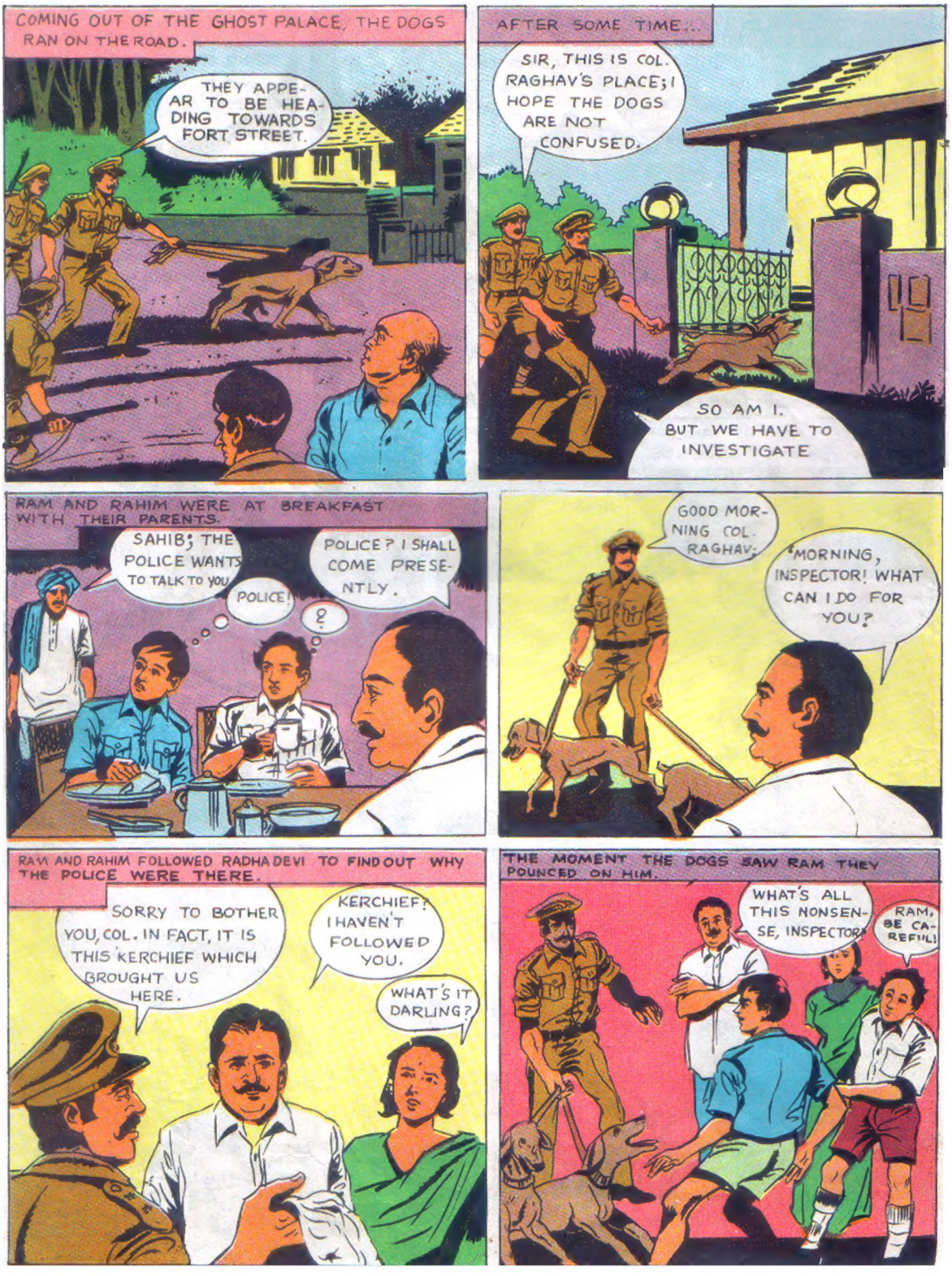
THERE'S NOTHING HERE, SIR.
BUT THE DOGS CONTINUE TO BARK; THERE MUST BE SOMETHING!

JUST THEN INSPECTOR DEV CHANCED TO LOOK UP
OH, LOOK AT THAT

SIR, IT IS THE MANGLED CORPSE OF A SMALL CHILD!
WONDER WHO'S HIS UNFORTUNATE MOTHER!

SIR, IS IT NOT INSPECTOR SHANKAR'S SON KIDNAPPED BY THE CHILD DRACULA LAST NIGHT?
CAN'T SAY FOR SURE.
RAM SINGH, GO OUTSIDE AND RING UP THE PHOTOGRAPHERS. AND DON'T FORGET TO ASK FOR AN AMBULANCE!
YES SIR!

THE PHOTOGRAPHERS CAME THE MOMENT THEY KNEW...
SIR, IS THE CHILD DRACULA INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF THIS CHILD TOO?
POSSIBLE; BUT CAN'T CLAIM THAT HE DID IT IN THE ABSENCE OF PROOF.
CUT DOWN THE BODY AND SEND IT FOR POST MORTEM WHEN THE PHOTOGRAPHERS HAVE FINISHED.
YES, SIR!
AFTER TELLING THE HAVILDAR WHAT TO DO, INSPECTOR DEV LOOKED AROUND.
OH, WHAT IS THIS WHITE THING?
IT WAS A WHITE HANDKERCHIEF.
'R' THE INITIAL OF THE OWNER WHO COULD IT BE?
INSPECTOR DEV GAVE IT TO THE DOGS TO SNIFF.
THE BEASTS MAY HELP US TO REACH THE OWNER.
AFTER SNIFFING THE 'KERCHIEF THE DOGS RUSHED OUTSIDE.
HAVILDAR KHUSHI RAM, FOLLOW ME WITH A COUPLE OF CONSTABLES!
YES, SIR!


COMING OUT OF THE GHOST PALACE, THE DOGS RAN ON THE ROAD.
THEY APPEAR TO BE HEADING TOWARDS FORT STREET.
AFTER SOME TIME..
SIR, THIS IS COL. RAGHAV'S PLACE; I HOPE THE DOGS ARE NOT CONFUSED.
SO AM I. BUT WE HAVE TO INVESTIGATE
RAM AND RAHIM WERE AT BREAKFAST WITH THEIR PARENTS.
SAHIB; THE POLICE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU.
POLICE?
POLICE? I SHALL COME PRESENTLY.
GOOD MORNING COL. RAGHAV.
'MORNING, INSPECTOR! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
RAM AND RAHIM FOLLOWED RADHA DEVI TO FIND OUT WHY THE POLICE WERE THERE.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, COL. IN FACT, IT IS THIS KERCHIEF WHICH BROUGHT US HERE.
KERCHIEF? I HAVEN'T FOLLOWED YOU.
WHAT'S IT DARLING?
THE MOMENT THE DOGS SAW RAM THEY POUNCED ON HIM.
WHAT'S ALL THIS NONSENSE, INSPECTOR?
RAM, BE CAREFUL!

SORRY COL; YOUR SON RAM SHALL HAVE TO COME WITH ME TO THE POLICE STATION RIGHT NOW!
BUT WHY?
WHAT CRIME HAS MY SON COMMITTED?
?
HE IS SUSPECTED OF MURDER.
MURDER! HOW CAN THAT BE?
OH, N-O-O!
WOULD YOU CARE TO TELL ME, INSPECTOR, WHOM AM I SUPPOSED TO HAVE MURDERED?
YOU MURDERED AN INNOCENT CHILD AND HUNG HIS BODY IN THE GHOST PALACE TO MISLEAD THE POLICE INTO BELIEVING THAT IT WAS THE WORK OF DRACULA CHILD.
WHAT NONSENSE, INSPECTOR! DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF?
THE PROOF IS THIS 'KERCHIEF WITH THE INITIAL OF YOUR SON. THE DOGS SNIFFED IT AND LED US HERE. AND YOU KNOW THAT THE DUMB BEASTS DID NOT MAKE A MISTAKE IN IDENTIFYING THE OWNER!
BUT, INSPECTOR, MERELY FINDING MY KERCHIEF AT THE SCENE OF CRIME DOES NOT PROVE THAT I MURDERED THAT CHILD!
EVERYTHING IS AGAINST YOU, MR. RAM! YOU BETTER COME WITH US. IT'S FOR THE COURTS TO DECIDE WHETHER YOU KILLED THE CHILD OR NOT.
IF THIS IS SO, I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GOING WITH YOU.
I SHALL ACCOMPANY HIM!

NO; PLEASE DON'T TAKE AWAY MY SON! HE CAN NOT BE THE MURDERER
DONT FRET MUMMY! I'LL SOON PROVE THAT I AM INNOCENT.
YES RADHA, BE BRAVE. LET THE LAW DO ITS DUTY. IF RAM IS INNOCENT, HE WILL GET JUSTICE FROM THE LAW.
AS SOON AS THEY CAME OUT OF RAM'S HOUSE.
HA..HA..HA..HE'S CAUGHT. THE GHOSTS PALACE ENSNARED HIM.
OH! IS HE NOT THE SAME MAD, OLD MAN WHOM WE SAW AT THE GATE OF GHOST PALACE?
BEFORE RAM AND RAHIM COULD MAKE A MOVE TO STOP THE OLD MAN, HE RAN AWAY, LAUGHING ALL THE WHILE.
HA... HA... HA... NOBODY WILL SURVIVE. HE WHO GOES INTO THE GHOST PALACE MUST DIE!
WHO WAS HE? DO YOU KNOW HIM?
NO; LOOKS HE IS MAD!
RAM PURPOSELY DID NOT TELL THE TRUTH
THE INSPECTOR REACHED THE POLICE STATION WITH RAM AND RAHIM.
SIT DOWN! BUT ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS TRUTHFULLY.
THANK YOU! I'LL BE HAPPY TO HELP THE LAW. ASK AWAY!
ME TOO!
BEFORE INSPECTOR DEV COULD START QUESTIONING, A MIDDLE AGED IMPRESSIVE MAN ENTERED.
GOOD NOON INSPECTOR!
WHO ARE YOU, SIR? AND HOW COME, YOU BARGED IN WITHOUT PERMISSION?
OH, CHIEF!
CHIEF!

THE NEWCOMER WAS THE CHIEF OF THE BOYS' SECRET SERVICE MR. MUKERJEE.
I AM PRABHAT MUKERJI; HERE IS MY IDENTITY CARD.
THANK GOD, THE CHIEF IS HERE!
THE MOMENT HE LOOKED AT IT.
OH, YOU!
SORRY, SIR! I AM SORRY FOR THE WAY I SPOKE. TELL ME, TO WHAT DO I OWE THE HONOUR OF THIS VISIT?
I HAVE COME FOR THESE TWO.
I HAVE NO OBJECTION YOU CAN TAKE THEM.
GOOD!
YOU TWO! COME WITH ME. BUT DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS UNLESS YOU WANT YOUR BONES BROKEN!
MR. MUKERJI NEVER LET ON TO INSPECTOR DEV THAT RAM AND RAHIM WERE AGENTS 00½
MR MUKERJI'S CAR WAS OUTSIDE THE POLICE STATION.
QUIETLY GET IN; INSPECTOR DEV IS WATCHING US.
MY LABOUR HAS GONE WASTE! AN INTERROGATION OF THESE BOYS WOULD HAVE ENSURED MY PROMOTION.
MR. MUKERJI TOOK AWAY RAM AND RAHIM IN HIS CAR.
NOW TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY.
THAT WE SHALL; BUT CHIEF! TELL ME HOW YOU CAME TO KNOW THAT WE WERE IN THE POLICE STATION?
A MERE CHANCE! I HAPPENED TO RING UP YOUR HOME AND WAS TOLD ABOUT YOUR ARREST. THIS BEING THE ONLY POLICE STATION IN YOUR AREA. I HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN TRACING YOU.
BUT WHY DID YOU HIDE OUR TRUE IDENTITY FROM THE INSPECTOR.

SO THAT THE REAL CULPRIT IS HAPPY TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN POLICE HANDS.
H'M SO THAT WAS IT!
AH!
RAM RELATED THE WHOLE STORY IN DETAIL AND THEN...
BUT CHIEF, YOU WILL HAVE TO CONCEDE THAT THE BLASTED DRACULA IS VERY AGILE. HE MANAGES TO ESCAPE EVERY TIME. LAST NIGHT TOO...
THAT MEANS THE CHILD WAS REALLY THE VICTIM OF DRACULA-CHILD.
SO IMMERSED WERE THEY IN THEIR TALK THAT THEY DID NOT REALISE THAT THE CAR HAD ENTERED THE SECRET SERVICE H.Q.
RIGHT YOU ARE, CHIEF! NARY A DOUBT IN THIS! WE ESCAPED UNHURT FROM THE GHOST PALACE AND PROBABLY THAT IS WHY THE DRACULA CAME TO FINISH US OFF BECAUSE WE COULD BE A DANGER TO HIM. LUCKILY WE ESCAPED, OTHERWISE...
ANOTHER THING WHICH IS BEYOND DOUBT IS THAT THE DRACULA CHILD LIVES IN THE GHOST PALACE AND CANNOT BEAR THE LIGHT.
I THINK BOTH OF YOU MUST BE VERY CAREFUL; THE DRACULA CHILD MAY TRY AGAIN TO KILL YOU.
YES, CHIEF; YOU'RE RIGHT!
?
THEY REACHED A WELL-APPOINTED OFFICE.
WHY DID YOU BRING US HERE, CHIEF?
TAKE YOUR SEATS
CHIEF MUKERJI OPENED AN ALMIRAH.
I HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE SO THAT I CAN GIVE YOU SOME THING SPECIAL
DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WANTS TO GIVE.
HE IS TAKING OUT CLOTHES FROM THE ALMIRAH.

CHIEF MUKERJI TOOK OUT TWO DRESSES.
THESE ARE BULLET-PROOF DRESSES. NEITHER BULLETS, NOR THE SHARP CLAWS OR THE THRONS ON DRACULA'S BODY CAN HARM YOU WHEN YOU WEAR THEM.
NO DOUBT; CHIEF; THE DRESSES WILL HELP A LOT!
AHA!
YOU ARE STUCK WITH THE CASE RAM! YOU MUST PUT AN END TO THE DRACULA CHILD'S TERROR.
BUT THE MURDER CASE? HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN MY ARREST TO THE HIGHER AUTHORITIES?
DON'T YOU WORRY; LEAVE IT TO ME AND DO YOUR DUTY WITHOUT ANY CARE!
O.K. CHIEF! WE MOVE NOW.
AT THE DEAD OF NIGHT, IN THE GRAVE-YARD.
A LONG BODIED TRUCK STOPPED AT THE GATE.
GET OUT QUICK!
GHOSTS CLAD IN WHITE AND DRACULA EMERGED FROM THE VEHICLE.
GO INSIDE AND DIG UP ALL THE FRESH GRAVES.
YES, SIR!

THE SKELETONS CLAD IN WHITE OPENED THE GATE...
THE CREAKING OF THE GATE STARTLED THE CHOWKIDAR.
WHO COULD IT BE? NOT ANOTHER DEAD BODY!
HOLDING A TORCH IN HIS HAND HE WENT TO THE GATE.
W-H O? GHOSTS!
THE SKELETONS EXTENDED THEIR ARMS TOWARDS HIS NECK AS HE TRIED TO RUN AWAY.
N-O-O HELP!!
BUT HE COULD NOT GET AWAY.
THE DRACULA HELD HIS NECK IN HIS TERRIBLE CLAWS AND HIS FANG PIERCED THE VEIN. HE STARTED SUCKING HIS BLOOD.

WHEN DRACULA HAD SUCKED THE BLOOD OF CHOW-KIDAR.
GO AHEAD AND FINISH YOUR JOB; IN THE MEAN-TIME, I SHALL TAKE HIS BODY TO THE TRUCK.
RIGHT HO, DRACULA!
HURRY UP; DIG UP ALL THE FRESH GRAVES.
THE SKELETONS GOT BUSY IN THE GHOULISH TASK
AFTER SOME TIME
WE HAVE TAKEN OUT ALL FRESHLY-BURIED CORPSES.
HURRY UP, LOAD THE DEAD BODIES INTO THE BACK OF THE TRUCK AND PUSH OFF! THE MASTER MUST BE WAITING FOR US.
DRIVER! TAKE THE VEHICLE TO THE BACK OF THE GHOST PALACE. WE SHALL ENTER THROUGH THE TUNNEL; THERE MAY BE DANGER IF WE GO FROM THE FRONT.
AT YOUR COMMAND DRACULA!
AND SHORTLY AFTER, THE TRUCK STOPPED BEHIND THE GHOST PALACE
COME; FOLLOW ME!

THE SECOND SECRET PASSAGE TO THE PALACE.
COME ALONG; AND THE LAST ONE WILL CLOSE THE DOOR.
THEY REACHED THE CELLAR FROM THE SECRET PASSAGE.
YOU BROUGHT THE DEAD BODIES! BRAVO! THEY SHALL JOIN MY ARMY OF SKELETONS AND THEN... HA... HA.....HA.
NEWSPAPERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WERE FULL OF THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF BODIES FROM THE GRAVES AND DEAD HOUSES.
CAN'T UNDERSTAND THIS! WHAT PROFIT CAN THE CRIMINALS MAKE BY STEALING THE DEAD BODIES.
THERE IS A MYSTERY BEHIND THIS!
YOU THINK THE DRACULA IS BEHIND THE THEFT OF THE CORPSES?
CAN'T SAY NOW.
AH, THE PHONE!
TRING...TRING
HELLO, RAM HERE.
YES SIR.
CHIEF HERE; COME TO MY OFFICE AND BRING RAHIM ALONG
WHO WAS IT RAM?
OH!
CHIEF MUKERJI; FINISH YOUR TEA QUICKLY. HE IS WAITING FOR US.

SOME TIME LATER-IN THE SECRET SERVICE HEAD QUARTERS
RAM, THE CASE IS TAKING A DANGEROUS TURN: THE CRIMINAL MUST BE CAUGHT SOON; OTHERWISE THE PEOPLE WILL LOSE FAITH IN THE POLICE.
WE ARE DOING OUR BEST CHIEF; BUT I AM FORCED TO ANOTHER CONCLUSION.
AND WHAT IS THAT?
I DONT KNOW WHY, CHIEF, BUT I AM FORCED TO THINK THAT A CRIMINAL MASTERMIND IS BEHIND THE CHILD DRACULA.
IF THAT IS SO, WE MUST BE READY FOR SOME NEW CALAMITY.
EXACTLY! THAT IS WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO SAY! THE CORPSES MUST HAVE BEEN DUG UP WITH SOME DANGEROUS INTENT. WHO CAN NORMALLY BENEFIT FROM DEAD BODIES?
WHATEVER THAT MIGHT BE, RAM. YOU MUST UNRAVEL THIS CASE SOONEST, WHETHER IT IS THE CHILD DRACULA WHO IS BEHIND ALL THIS OR SOMEBODY ELSE!
DON'T WORRY CHIEF! THE DAY CHILD DRACULA CROSSES OUR PATH WOULD BE HIS LAST DAY AND THE CASE WOULD BE SOLVED. NOW WE MUST GO.
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO IN TURMOIL BECAUSE OF THE STOLEN DEAD BODIES.
THE WHOLE CITY IS AGITATED. THE FAILURE OF THE POLICE TO UNRAVEL THE MYSTERY IS BEING COMMENTED UPON BY ONE AND ALL AND ALL THAT YOU PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO DO IS TO BE DUMB SPECTATORS. WHY HAS THE CRIMINAL NOT BEEN CAUGHT, MAY I ASK?
SIR, WE SUSPECT THE HAND OF DRACULA IN THE THEFT OF THE DEAD BODIES. WE'VE GOT SOME CLUES WHICH POINT TO HIM.
DRACULA CHILD! DRACULA CHILD! THAT'S ALL THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO REPEAT LIKE PARROTS! BUT I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY EXCUSES. I WANT ACTION! I WANT THE CULPRIT TO BE CAUGHT!
BUT SIR! HE IS A GHOST! HUMANS CAN'T CATCH HIM SO EASILY!

NONSENSE! GHOSTS DO'NT STEAL DEAD BODIES. IT MUST BE A HUMAN WHO IS AT THE BACK OF ALL THIS. BUT YOU ARE BENT UPON PROVING THAT HE IS A GHOST. THE CULPRIT MUST BE CAUGHT WITHIN A WEEK. THAT'S AN ORDER!
AND INTENSIFY PETROLLING THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
YES, SIR!
IN THE GHOST PALACE, DR SATAN HAD RAISED A WHOLE ARMY OF SKELETONS.
WE AWAIT YOUR COMMAND, MASTER!
HA...HA..HA... LOOK DRACULA! AN ARMY OF SKELETONS IS READY. I'AM NOW GOING TO SPREAD TERROR IN THE WHOLE WORLD!
COMMANDS? YES, YOU WILL ALL SEEK MY COMMANDS AND I SHALL GET YOU ALL THE HUMAN BLOOD.
YOU ARE GREAT MASTER!
COMMAND US MASTER!
LISTEN, I'HAVE SPENT EVERY PENNY I HAD IN GIVING LIFE TO YOU. FIRST, YOU USE YOUR POWERS TO COLLECT ALL THE WEALTH THAT YOU CAN.
YES, MASTER!
YES, ANOTHER THING. SOME OF YOU GO AND BRING RAM RAHIM AND ALL HIS RELATIVES HERE.
AND THAT NIGHT..
WHEN THE PASSERSBY NOTICED THE FLYING SKELETONS.
LOOK!
GHOSTS! FLYING GHOSTS!

THE FLYING SKELETONS REACHED A BANK.
RUN!
GHOSTS!
RUN! RUN!
STOP! DON'T RUN! GHOSTS DON'T EXIST! IT'S A MIRACLE BY SOME SCIENTIST. PROBABLY THEY ARE GOING TO ROB A THE BANK. TAKE UP POSITIONS!
AT THE COMMAND OF THE OFFICER, THE CONSTABLES STARTED FIRING AT THE FLYING SKELETONS.
FIRE!
BUT THE BULLETS DID NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE GHOSTS.
HA.. HA..... HA.. HA...
OH! THE BULLETS ARE POWERLESS AGAINST THEM!
THE CONSTABLES WERE TERROR-STRICKEN.
SIR, THEY ARE IN FACT GHOSTS. LET'S RUN!
WE CAN'T FIGHT GHOSTS.
RUN!
STOP! DON'T RUN! TRY AGAIN!
THE SKELETONS RUSHED AT THE FLEEING POLICEMEN.
E...E..E.. ..E....
U..G.H
GLUCK!

A SKELETON ADVANCED TOWARDS THE POLICE OFFICER.
HA.. HA.. HA...
OH! GOD, SAVE ME
AND THEN..
HA..HA.. HA.!
A..E...E.. E.. E.. E!
AND THEN..
RUSH INSIDE AND COLLECT ALL THE MONEY!
THE MOMENT THEY WERE INSIDE THE BANK, THE SKELETONS STARTED FILLING LARGE BAGS WITH MONEY.
HURRY UP; DON'T LEAVE ANY MONEY BEHIND. THE MASTER NEEDS IT BADLY.
ANOTHER GROUP OF SKELETONS REACHED THE JEWELLERS MARKET IN THE CITY.
THE SKELETONS STARTED ROBBING THE JEWELLERS.
OH! NICE! THE MASTER WILL BE PLEASED.
AHA! GOLD ORNAMENTS. THE MASTER WILL BE PLEASED, AND WILL GIVE US BLOOD TO DRINK.

SOME SKELETONS REACHED THE HOME OF RAM AND RAHIM.
YOU TWO GO INSIDE; IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CATCH THEM, FORCE THEM TO COME OUTSIDE.
YES; WILL DO!
THE SKELETONS NEARED THE WINDOW OF THE BOY S' BED ROOM.
BOTH ARE SOUND ASLEEP. LET'S BREAK THE WINDOW PANE TO GET INSIDE.
THEY BROKE THE PANE AND OPENED THE WINDOW.
HUSH! NO NOISE!
BUT THE MOMENT THE SKELETON JUMPED INTO THE ROOM, RAM WOKE UP FROM SLEEP.
TAKE CARE, RAHIM!
OH! GOD!
QUICK AS LIGHTNING RAM TOOK OUT HIS REVOLVER AND STARTED FIRING AT THE SKELETON.
OH! THEY APPEAR TO BE GHOSTS!
THE BULLETS DID NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT...
BULLETS DON'T HARM THEM AND MY GUN IS EMPTY! LET'S HOPE THEY ARE NOT WEARING BULLET-PROOF VESTS!
HA HA HO... HO.. HA..HA..

THROWING AWAY THE EMPTY REVOLVER, RAM JUMPED ON THEM.
OH, THEY APPEAR TO BE MADE OF STEEL.
HO ..HO... HO
RAM HIT ONE OF THE SKELETONS ON THE CHIN. HE FELT AS IF HE HAD HIT A STONE.
THE TWO SKELETONS JUMPED HIM.
AH!
THE SKELETONS TURNED ON RAM FEROCIOUSLY; RAHIM SUDDENLY WOKE UP AS IF FROM SLEEP.
DON'T COME NEARER OR I'LL SHOOT.
HA...HA... NO USE! THE BULLETS CAN'T HARM US!
MAY BE THE PETROL WILL HELP.
JUST AS ONE OF THE SKELETON BENT TO PICK UP RAM, THE OTHER TURNED ON RAHIM.
THE SKELETON WHO TRIED TO LIFT RAM WAS DRENCHED IN PETROL. AND THAT MOMENT, RAHIM FIRED AT HIM THINKING THAT RAM'S LIFE WAS IN DANGER
I WON'T LET YOU LIVE!
IT HAD ASTONISHING RESULTS.

FINDING HIS COMPANION BURNING, THE OTHER SKELETON JUMPED TOWARDS THE WINDOW.
RAM, HE'S ESCAPING. STOP HIM!
RIGHT, I'LL FOLLOW HIM. YOU STAY HERE.
RAM JUMPED OUT OF THE WINDOW AFTER THE SKELETON, BUT THE MOMENT HE WAS OUTSIDE...
A..A.H.
HE HAD BEEN HIT BY THE OTHER SKELETONS.
YOU TWO TAKE HIM TO THE MASTER; THE REST OF YOU FOLLOW ME...
WILL DO!
INSIDE THE ROOM..
OH GOD! WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT'S THE MATTER SON?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, UNCLE, BEYOND THE FACT THAT THESE SKELETONS HAD COME TO KILL US. RAM HAS RUSHED AFTER HIS COMPANION
JUST THEN..
STOP! IF ANYONE OF YOU MOVES, H'LL DIE! HA.. HA... HA...
A..E E..!!
IF YOU LOVE LIFE, QUIETLY FOLLOW US. RAM IS ALREADY IN OUR CUSTODY. HA... HA... HA... !!
NO WAY OUT; WE'LL HAVE TO GO WITH THEM.
WHAT?
FINDING NO WAY OF ESCAPE, COL. RAGHAV, RADHA DEVI AND RAHIM SURRENDERED TO THE SKELETONS.

THE SAME NIGHT, AT THE HOME OF THE CHIEF OF THE BOY'S SECRET SERVICE.
WHO? WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, COME WITH US QUIETLY.
IN THE GHOST PALACE...
WE WON, MASTER THE WEALTH OF THE WHOLE CITY IS UNDER YOUR FEET!
HA..HA.. BRAVO, MY FAITHFUL SLAVES! I'LL GIVE YOU ENOUGH HUMAN BLOOD TO GORGE YOURSELVES TONIGHT.
JUST THEN ANOTHER SKELETON ENTERED.
VICTORY TO MY MASTER! WE'VE BROUGHT YOUR ENEMIES.
BRAVO! TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT.
BIND THEM: I'LL COME PRESENTLY.
WHEN RAM CAME TO.
RAM, ARE YOU ALL-RIGHT?
I'AM ALL RIGHT. PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. JUST TELL ME WHERE AND IN WHOSE HANDS WE ARE?
CAN'T SAY WITH ANY CERTAINTY, RAM, BECAUSE WE HAD BEEN BLINDFOLDED BY THE SKELETONS, BUT I SUSPECT WE ARE IN A CELLAR UNDER THE GHOST PALACE.
JUST THEN DR. SATAN ENTERED WITH THE DRACULA AND SOME SKELETONS.
LONG LIVE OUR GREAT MASTER.

HA..HA..AFTER ALL, ALL OF YOU ARE ENTRAPPED!
H'M, I WAS RIGHT! IT IS THIS DEVIL WHO IS BEHIND THE CHILD DRACULA. HE'S THE MAN WHO STOLE THE CORPSES AND RAISED AN ARMY OF SKELETONS. A DANGEROUS LUNATIC, EVEN IF HE IS A SCIENTIST.
WHY HAVE YOU CAUGHT US?
I'M PREPARING TO DESTROY THIS WORLD. HALF THE JOB IS ALREADY DONE!
WHAT WOULD YOU GET OUT OF IT?
WHAT'LL I GET? HA..HA..HA. I'LL WREAK VENGENCE AND I'LL SLEEP IN PEACE.
I'AM DR.SHANKAR. AT ONE TIME I WAS ALSO A GOODLOOKING NORMAL MAN WITH A WIFE AND A SMALL CHILD. I WAS WORKING IN A GOVERNMENT LABORATORY. BUT THE WORLD COULD NOT SEE ME HAPPY. SOME OF MY ENEMIES COOKED UP A CHARGE AGAINST ME AND I WAS SENT TO JAIL FOR THREE YEARS.
OH GOD! YOU KNOW I AM INNOCENT!

WHEN I WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL AND WENT HOME MY WORLD HAD COLLAPSED AROUND MY EARS. SOME MONEYBAGS HAD VOILATED MY WIFE AND SHE HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE.
OH GOD! FOR WHAT SIN YOU ARE PUNISHING ME?
I BORE THAT MISFORTUNE WITH FORTITUDE, BUT ONE DAY...
DOCTOR, WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY CHILD?
HE'S GOT CANCER; IT'LL TAKE A LOT OF MONEY TO TREAT HIM.
I RAVED AND RANTED, BEGGED THE DOCTOR TO DO SOME THING BUT THE STONE-HEARTED MAN DID NOT RELENT.
PLEASE SAVE MY SON, DOCTOR!! I'LL PAY EVERY PENNY THAT YOU SPEND ON HIS TREATMENT.
MERE WORDS WON'T TREAT YOUR SON. IF YOU WANT TO SAVE YOUR SON, RAISE MONEY FOR MY FEES.
AND ONE DAY, MY SON DIED WITHOUT MEDICINE AND WITHOUT CARE.
MY SON, PLEASE FORGIVE YOUR POOR FATHER! I COULD'NT SAVE YOU.
I BORE EVEN THE DEATH OF MY SON WITH COURAGE AND TOOK UP A NEW JOB.
ONE DAY I GOT INVOLVED IN AN SERIOUS ACCIDENT.
WHEN I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS AT THE HOSPITAL I WAS PROBABLY THE UGLIEST MAN IN THE WORLD.
OH GOD! WHY DID'NT YOU LET ME DIE?
COURAGE, MR. SHANKER, COURAGE!

BUT THE WORLD DIDN'T TAKE PITY ON ME EVEN IN THAT CONDITION. WHEN I CAME OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.
LOOKS LIKE A DANGEROUS DACOIT
HE'S MAD! STONE HIM!
A..H!
MY HEART TURNED TO STONE BECAUSE OF THE TREATMENT METED OUT TO ME BY THIS WORLD FROM DR. SHANKAR I TURNED INTO DR. SATAN, A BEAST. THE FIRE OF VENGENCE BURNED BRIGHTLY IN MY HEART.
I'LL AVENGE MYSELF! I'LL TAKE TERRIBLE REVENGE AND DESTROY THE WORLD.
CRYING WITH ANGUISH, I WANDERED INTO THE GHOST PALACE ONE DAY.
ONE DAY I STUMBLED ON TO THE UNDERGROUND CELLER IN THE PALACE.
A SAFE PLACE; IF I CAN SET UP A LABORATORY HERE, I CAN HELP MY DREAM COME TRUE.
RAISING THE MONEY SOME HOW, I SET UP A LABORATORY HERE..
...I CREATED THE DRACULA CHILD AND HE IN TURN CREATED A SENSATION THROUGHOUT THE CITY BY HIS DEPRADATIONS AGAINST THE CHILDREN. I'M WREAKING VENGENCE ON ALL. YOU WON'T ESCAPE EITHER!
DRACULA, FIRST GORGE YOURSELF ON RAM'S BLOOD! DRINK TO HIS DEATH.

ON RECEIVING THE COMMAND, THE CHILD DRACULA LOLLED HIS TONGUE AND ADVANCED UPON RAM.
BUT BEFORE HE COULD PIERCE RAM'S NECK WITH HIS FANGS, A BRIGHT RAY OF LIGHT FROM THE DOOR PIERCED HIS CHEST
A-H-H!
THE NEXT MOMENT HIS WHOLE BODY WAS AFLAME...
A H
SAVE ME MASTER!
EVERYBODY TURNED TO THE DOOR
THE MAD OLD MAN!
HE IS THE SAME MYSTERY MAN!
TAKE CARE! DONT TRY TO RUN AWAY OR YOU'LL DIE! WHO ARE YOU?
THE MAD OLD MAN REMOVED HIS WIG.
THE GAME IS UP SHANKAR! YOU BETTER SURRENDER TO THE LAW.
WHEN THE OLD MAN FACED HIM, DR. SHANKAR ALIAS DR. SATAN WAS STARTLED.
OH! MY SAINTED TEACHER!
SILENCE WRETCH! HOW DARE YOU SOIL MY NAME BY UTTERING IT WITH YOUR DIRTY TONGUE

WHO ARE YOU, SIR,? WOULD YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF?
I. AM PROF DIWAKAR, I 'VE NOW RENOUNCED THE WORLD AND TAKEN ORDERS. SHANKAR USE TO LIVE WITH ME AT ONE TIME. HE WAS HARDLY TEN YEARS OLD AND AN ORPHAN. I BROUGHT HIM UP AND TAUGHT HIM HIGHER SCIENCE.
PROF DIWAKAR CONTINUED...
BUT I DID 'NT KNOW THAT THE SCIENTIFIC FORMULA I WAS TEACHING HIM FOR THE GOOD OF THE HUMAN RACE WOULD BE USED BY HIM FOR ITS DESTRUCTION MERELY BECAUSE HE COULD COULD NOT STAND LITTLE TROUBLES
OH!
THE DAY I CAME TO KNOW ABOUT THE TERROR SPREAD BY THE CHILD DRACULA, I WAS SURE THAT IT WAS HIS HANDIWORK. I GAVE HIM THE FORMULA; I HAD INVENTED THE LIVING SKELETONS! I WAS AFTER HIM FOR A LONG TIME BUT SINCE I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE SECRET CELLERS UNDER THE GHOST PALACE, I WAS KEEPING AN EYE ON IT DRESSED AS AN OLD MAN. I TRIED TO STOP YOU FROM COMING HERE IN THE BEGINNING BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID THAT HE WOULD BE THE DEATH OF YOU ONE DAY.
HOW DID YOU SUDDENLY APPEAR HERE PROFESSOR?
WHEN THE SKELETONS WERE BRINGING YOU THROUGH THE JUNGLE I WAS FOLLOWING THEM AND REACHED HERE.
WHEN PROF. DIWAKAR HAD FINISHED, DR. SATAN LET OUT A TERRIBLE GUFFAW.
HA..HA. HA. GOOD YOU HAVE COME HERE ON YOUR OWN, PROFESSOR. I'LL KILL YOU WITH THE REST OF THEM AND YOUR SECRETS WOULD DIE WITH YOU. ALL THOSE WHO KNOW ABOUT ME WOULD PERISH TO-NIGHT!
YOU CAN'T HARM THE HAIR ON THEIR HEAD SO LONG AS I AM ALIVE!
YOU'LL KNOW! I'LL BEGIN WITH YOU.
TEAR HIM TO PIECES, BOYS!
YES, MASTER!

THE SKELETONS POUNCED... ON THE PROFESSOR.
THEY CAN'T HARM ME. MY LASER BEAM PISTOL WOULD DO FOR THEM.
THE NEXT MOMENT..
SAVE ME MASTER!
AH!
SEEING HIS SKELETONS BURNING. DR SATAN WAS SUDDENLY AFRAID.
DON'T TRY TO RUN AWAY SHANKAR! I HAVE CLOSED ALL YOUR ESCAPE ROUTES. I RANG UP THE POLICE BEFORE I CAME HERE; NOT ONLY THAT. I ALSO TOLD THEM HOW TO DEAL WITH YOUR SKELETONS! THE POLICE MUST BE ON THEIR WAY.
KEEPING HIS LASER PISTOL POINTED TOWARDS DR.SATAN, PROF. DIWAKAR RELEASED RAM AND RAHIM AND OTHERS.
RAM RAHIM YOUR CULPRIT IS BEFORE YOU. ARREST HIM!
WITH PLEASURE PROFESSOR!
RAM RAHIM ADVANCED TOWARDS DR. SATAN!
OH NO!
STOP WHERE YOU ARE. ONE STEP FORWARD AND YOU LOOSE YOUR MOTHER
NO!
SHANKER RELEASE RADHA! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE!
NO! SO LONG AS SHE IS IN MY POSSESION NOBODY CAN HARM ME.
MASTER! THE POLICE HAVE ATTACKED.
OH! FIGHT THEM AND KILL THEM ALL!
YES, MASTER.

THE MOMENT RAM FOUND THE ATTENTION OF DR SATAN BEING DIVERTED BY THE SKELETON, HE ATTACKED HIM.
UGH!
PROF, DIWAKAR DIRECTED THE LASER BEAM TOWARDS THE ADVANCING SKELETONS
A..A..E..E..E
OH!
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY SATAN.
OUTSIDE THE GHOSTPALACE
OUT OF NOWHERE SOME SKELETONS RUSHED TO HELP DR. SATAN BUT PROF. DIWAKAR WAS READY TO MEET THEM WITH HIS LASER BEAM.
O..H!
U..G..H!
O..H!
SUDDENLY DR. SATAN HIT BACK WITH GREAT FORCE.
OH!

HE GRABBED A SWORD HANGING ON THE WALL.
OH, HE'LL KILL RAM!
SUDDENLY BENDING DOWN RAHIM PICKED UP A KNIFE LYING ON THE FLOOR.
HIS AIM, AS USUAL WAS UNFAILING.
A..A..A..E...E..!!
THE POLICE OCCUPIED THE GHOST PALACE. WITH THE DEATH OF DR. SATAN THE VEIL OF TERROR WHICH HAD HID THE CITY LIFTED. DRACULA AND THE SKELETONS CEASED TO BE A TERROR.
I'M SORRY THAT I WAS WRONGLY ACCUSING YOU.
NOW YOU KNOW THE WHOLE TRUTH, INSPECTOR! PLEASE COMPLETE THE PAPER WORK AND PERMIT US TO GO.
PROFESSOR UNCLE, PLEASE COME WITH US. WE'RE GOING TO CELEBRATE TO NIGHT. JOIN US, PLEASE!
NO, MY SON I'VE RENOUNCED THE WORLD AND CELEBRATIONS ARE NOT FOR ME.
THE NEWSPAPERS WERE ALL PRAISE FOR THE EXPLOITS OF RAM AND RAHIM. THAT EVENING A MEETING WAS HELD AND THE HOME MINISTER CAME IN PERSON TO PRESENT SPECIAL AWARDS TO THEM.
THE PEOPLE OF INDIA WOULD NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.
RAM RAHIM!
LONG LIVE!

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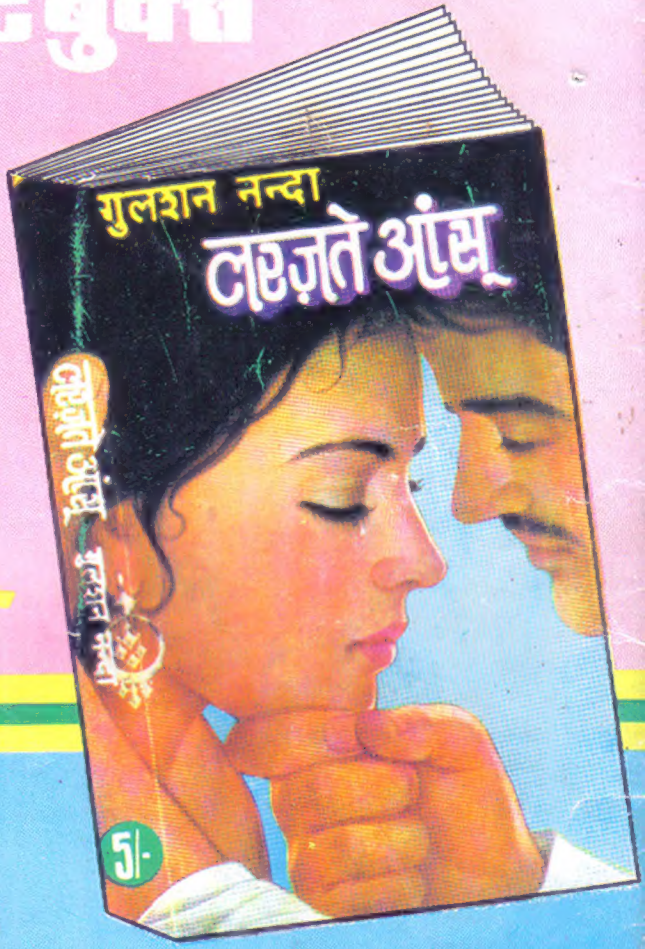

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